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JAILS : SUB JAILS : COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME OF IMPROVEMENTS : PAPERS NEED.

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Wuith a view to improve the sub-jails in this Province in March last, it was suggested to the Inspector-General of Prisons that where there are places having courts fairly close together and with good transport facilities it might be possible to concentrate under-trails at such places in an improved sub-jail at a convenient centre and that ste may be taken to improve existing sub-jails where this can be done at reasonable cost. The Inspector-General of Prisons was requested to select (1) places satisfaying the above conditions for concentration of under-trails and (2) sub-jails which can be improved at reasonable cost. In May last the Inspector-General of Prisons was asked to expedite the comprehensive scheme called for in March last. In June last the I-G reported that he called for particulars from the District Magistrates and that the same were not received from seven of them. In an interim reply dated 16th October 1947 the Inspector-General reported that full particulars have not yet been received from the District Magistrates, Chingleput in spite of several reminders and that the full particulars will be submitted on receipt. The Inspector-Geberal has now reported that in spite of his endeavours to get at the particulars called for by the Government he is not able to furnish the same for the following reasons:

(1) the scheme involves extensive work and will take 12 months to submit the comprehensive proposals with the estimate of cost and that it is not at all possible to furnish the comprehensive scheme with the estimate of cost unless he knows the province thoroughly;

(2) that it will depend on the orders to be passed on the question of his using his car for his tours.

As regards point (2) above it is submitted that the question of permitting the Inspector-General to use his car for touring is separately under consideration. As regards point (1) above, it is not clear why the Inspector-General now says that he should know the province thoroughly to submit the proposal with an estimate of the cost. Last month he reported that he would submit the full particulars as soon as the reply of the D.M., of Chingleput, is received. All the replies from the D.Ms would have been received by now. Many schemes which affect the province as a whole are worked out and examined in Government and in the offices of heads of departments by correspondence with the district authorities. For orders whether the I.G. may be asked to say whether he cannot prepare the scheme in consultation with the District authorities and why he considers that he should himself know the Province thoroughly before submitting the comprehensive scheme.

There seems no use asking the I.G. as suggested at A above. Further, even if a scheme is now put forward, it is certainly going to cost a good deal and in view of the existing financial position it is very doubtful whether funds can be provided to meet the cost involved. If necessary, the matter may be pursued some time next year or the year after next. H.M. may see for orders.

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The reasons urged by the I-G are not at all convincing. If he has not knwon the province so far, it is not worthwhile asking him to do so hereafter. But on account of the present finances of the Province, the same matter cannot be pursued immediately. (The I-G may be asked to collect all the particulars and work up a (scheme for submission to Govt. about the middle of next year.

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The scheme does not commend itself to me. Constructing a number of new sub-jails will cost much more than improving the present sub-jails. Any how "A" may be done.

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H.M.(Agri)

With ref. to "A" on p. 12 ante, and the minute at the bottom of p.12 ante, a draft Memo is submitted for approval. After issue, the papers may be recorded.

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